In the Claims:

The claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A vent device for a bottle, the vent device comprising, a vent aperture and a one-way valve in fluid communication with the vent aperture, a vent path being defined by the vent aperture, the vent device having a vent inlet, which, in use, is substantially covered by the closure, thereby preventing the vent inlet from being blocked, the vent device having an outer wall with a stepped profile defined by a first stepped portion located on a neck of the bottle, and a second stepped portion located in the neck of the bottle wherein the vent inlet and aperture comprise a shaped groove in the first stepped portion.

2. (Currently amended) A bottle assembly including a bottle having an opening for receiving a fluid, a closure for closing the opening, the closure having a fluid outlet to enable egress of the fluid from the bottle, and a vent device, the vent device comprising a one-way valve, a vent path being defined by the one-way valve from the exterior to the interior of the bottle, the vent path being different from the fluid outlet, whereby the vent path permits air to vent into the bottle on creation of a partial vacuum as a result of the fluid passing to the exterior of the bottle via the fluid outlet, the assembly having a vent inlet, which, in use, is substantially covered by the closure, thereby preventing the vent inlet from being blocked, the vent device having an outer wall with a stepped profile defined by a first stepped portion located on the neck of the bottle, wherein the vent inlet comprises a shaped groove in the first stepped portion or in a rim of the neck of the bottle.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim [[4]]2, in which the closure has a closure threaded portion, the bottle having a bottle threaded portion, in which the gap is defined between the threaded portions.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 5 in which one or both of the threaded portions are discontinuous.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 5 in which the vent device is disposed between the bottle and the closure.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 8 in which the vent device is releasably secured between the bottle and the closure due to engagement between the threaded portions.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 8 in which the vent device forms a seal between the bottle and the closure.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the vent device is disposed on a neck of the bottle.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 11 in which the vent device is secured to the neck via a screw fit, or an interference fit.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the vent device is integral with the bottle.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the vent device is integral with the closure.

15. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the closure includes a closure vent aperture which forms part of the vent path.

16. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the bottle is one of a baby bottle or a sports drink bottle.

17. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 2 in which the vent device includes a shut-off device operable between an open position whereby air is able to vent into the bottle, and a closed position whereby air is not able to vent into the bottle.

18. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 17 further including a fluid valve operable between an open position whereby the fluid is able to flow from the bottle, and a closed position whereby the fluid is not able to flow from the bottle.

19. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 18 in which the shut-off device and the fluid valve are arranged such that closing the fluid valve closes the shut-off device.

20. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The bottle assembly according to claim 19 in which opening the fluid valve opens the shut-off device.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The vent device ~~or a bottle assembly~~ according to claim 1 in which ~~the~~ a one-way valve is provided on the vent projection.

25. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The vent device ~~or a bottle assembly~~ according to claim 1 in which the vent device is annular.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The vent device ~~or a bottle assembly~~ according to claim 1 in which the vent device includes a fluid aperture to allow fluid to pass therethrough.

31. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The vent device ~~or a bottle assembly~~ according to claim 30 in which the vent projection is offset from the fluid aperture.

32. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The vent device ~~or a bottle assembly~~ according to claim 1 in which the vent aperture comprises a plurality of vent inlets in fluid communication with ~~the~~ a one-way valve.

33-35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, wherein the vent device is of one material.

37. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, wherein the vent device has been molded as one piece.

38. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, wherein the vent device comprises two pieces.

39. (New) The vent device according to claim 1, wherein the vent device comprises at least one of a rigid plastic outer ring and a silicon rubber central section.

40. (New) The vent device according to claim 39, wherein the rigid plastic ring forms the first steeped portion.

41. (New) The vent device according to claim 39, wherein the rubber central section comprises the second stepped portion.

42. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, wherein the second stepped portion comprises a one way valve.

43. (New) The vent device according to claim 1, wherein the one way valve comprises a flexible seal.

44. (New) The vent device according to claim 43, wherein the flexible seal comprises the second stepped portion.

45. (New) The vent device according to claim 44, wherein the flexible seal extends around the circumference of the vent device.

46. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, wherein the vent device includes a shut-off device operable between an open position whereby air is able to vent into the bottle, and a closed position whereby air is not able to vent into the bottle.

47. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, further including a fluid valve operable between an open position whereby the fluid is able to flow from the bottle and a closed position whereby the fluid is not able to flow from the bottle preferably in which the shut-off device and the fluid valve are arranged such that closing the fluid valve closes the shut-off device and/or in which opening the fluid valve opens the shut-off device.

48. (New) The bottle assembly according to claim 2, where the vent aperture comprises a plurality of vent inlets in fluid communication with the one-way valve.

49. (New) A vent device for a bottle, the vent device comprising, a vent aperture and a one way valve and fluid communication with the vent aperture, a vent path being defined by the vent aperture, the vent device having a vent inlet which in use, is substantially covered by the closure, thereby preventing the fluid inlet from being blocked, the vent device having an outer wall with a step profile defined by first step portion located on a neck of a bottle and a second stepped portion located in the neck of the bottle when the first step portion or the rim or the neck of the bottle has an uneven surface forming the fluid inlet and aperture.

50. (New) A bottle assembly including a bottle having an opening for receiving a fluid, a neck, a closure for closing the opening, the closure having a fluid outlet to enable egress of the fluid from the bottle, and the vent device, the vent device comprising a one way valve, a vent path being defined by the one way valve from the exterior to the interior of the bottle, the vent path being different from the fluid outlet, the vent path permitting air to vent into the bottle on creation of a partial vacuum as a result of the fluid passing to the exterior of the bottle by the fluid outlet, the assembly having a vent inlet which is substantially covered by the closure, thereby preventing the fluid vent inlet from being blocked, the vent device having an outer wall with a stepped profile defined by a first stepped portion located on the neck of the bottle and a second stepped portion located in the neck of the bottle wherein the second stepped portion comprises a one way valve, the valve thereby located in the neck of the bottle.